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## (54) NETWORK PHOTOSERVICE SYSTEM

## (57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To make it possible to provide quick network photoservice to each customer without losing merits such as easy understanding of a destination to be accessed and unitary management of data.

SOLUTION: A service center 2 for receiving a printing service order can be communicated with minilaboratories 3 existing in respective areas or a specific laboratory 4 through a network, a center server 12 in the center 2 selects a laboratory for printing out pictures in . accordance with order information transferred from a customer through a network and distributes processing to the selected laboratory. Consequently printing can be executed not by the center server 12 but by a required laboratory.

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